REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/772,065 filed on February 3, 2004. Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. The Examiner requires election of one of the following groups of species for prosecution in this case:

Species I:

Claims 3-8, 15-17 & 25, drawn to creating a key from a transaction

serial number (¶40 of the specification).

Species II:

Claims 9-11, 18 & 26, drawn to creating a key from a random

number, achieving forward secrecy (¶40 of the specification).

In response, Applicant elects Species I, claims 1-8, 12-17, 19-25, and 27-30, for further prosecution, with traversal with respect to all species. Species II, including claims 9-11, 18, and 26, is provisionally withdrawn.

<u>CONCLUSION</u>

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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